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Sir:

<u>Letter</u>

This is submitted pursuant to a telephonic discussion between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney on Monday, January 5, 2004 regarding the above-identified application.

Remarks

A telelphonic discussion between the Examiner and Applicant's Attorney was conducted on Monday, January 5, 2004 regarding the Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement that was submitted by Certificate of Mailing dated November 3, 2003. The Examiner indicated that this Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement was unsigned. The Examiner also indicated that since it appeared to be a bona fide attempt to respond to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003 that it would be examined provided that a signed copy of the Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement was submitted.

Submitted herewith by facsimile transmission is a signed copy of the aforementioned Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement that was previously filed by Certificated of Mailing on November 3, 2003.

Applicants apologize for any inconvenience caused by this inadvertent oversight.

Please charge any fees including, but not limited to any extensions of time, associated with the filing of the Amendment and Response to Restriction

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